

possible to force a passage through the ice beyond Cape Ray, 100 miles this side of Bay of Islands.

Although the vessels are leaving for home, it is by no means certain that the task of clearing the Bay of Islands and Gulf of St. Lawrence will be at all easy. Much care and skill will be necessary to get outside of South Head at the entrance of the bay and there on, the greatest vigilance will have to be exercised to keep clear of the floating ice pack and the rough and rocky Newfoundland coast. It is hoped, however, that the ice barrier is well broken up and that no new dangers will beset the crafts now that their prows are homeward turned.

fare will give him a fine start for the season just opening.

Another special to the TIMES announces the arrival at New York this morning of the netting sch. Laura Reed, Capt. Beebe, with 44 fresh mackerel, caught 18 miles southeast of Scotland lightship.

The news in Saturday's TIMES of seiners seen working on fish Thursday off Winter Quarter lightship and the prediction that there might be a trip at New York before today are borne out by the arrival of the Haskins yesterday afternoon.

A TIMES special from New York reports that the Haskins got her fare 85 miles southeast of Barnegat, which is 100 miles farther to the north than the first fish were taken last year. A fleet of a dozen seiners were there and the fish are bringing from 18 to 25 cents.

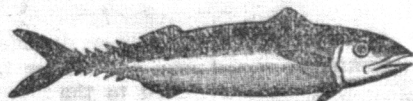
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CAPT. SPURLING'S HONOR

Sch. Marguerite Haskins Lands First Fresh Mackerel Fare.

At New York Yesterday With 100 Barrels Large Fish.

Sch. Laura Reed Has First Netting Fare There To-day.



The first mackerel fare of the season arrived at New York yesterday afternoon, the lucky vessel being the sch. Marguerite Haskins of this port, Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling of Boothbay Harbor. Beside securing the much coveted honor of landing the first fare of the season, Capt. Spurling will make a big stock for a starter, as he has a fine trip.

A special to the TIMES announcing the arrival of the Haskins state that she has 100 barrels of fresh mackerel, all two pound fish. These are large indeed, and will bring a fancy price.

Capt. Spurling, who commands the Haskins, belongs at Boothbay Harbor, Me., and has for years held a prominent place in the front rank of seining skippers. He is well and favorably known as a mackerel catcher of skill and judgment, and the close of each season has rarely failed to find a fine stock to his credit. This year he has secured the much-

apiece. The Haskins sailed from here April 1 in company with schs. Corsair, Grayling, Norumbega, Indiana, Etta Mildred and Braganza.

As it is known that a fleet of seiners are down off Body Island cruising for mackerel and report seeing none it would seem that the fish are much farther along than were expected. It is thought that perhaps the fish have got by the early fleet during the bad weather and that the vessels which sailed later have met the fish well north.

Earliest Trips in Previous Years.

In connection with this first trip of the season, a list of the first trips since 1881, when the earliest fare on record was landed, is given below:

1881—Sch. Edward E. Webster, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 140 barrels fresh mackerel, at New York, March 23.

1882—Sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben T. Lewis, 140 barrels fresh mackerel, at New York, April 1.

1883—Sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben T. Lewis, 150 barrels fresh mackerel, at New York, March 31.

1884—Sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben T. Lewis, 40,000 fresh mackerel in count, at New York, March 24.

1885—Sch. Emma W. Brown, Capt. John W. McFarland, 50,000 fresh mackerel in count at New York March 23. Sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben T. Lewis, was but two hours behind the Brown.

1886—Sch. Alice C. Jordan, 7000 fresh mackerel in Philadelphia April 12. Sch. Ellen M. Adams at New York the same day two and a half hours behind the Jordan.

1887—Sch. Caroline Vought of Boothbay, 5000 fresh mackerel in count at New York, April 22.

1888—Sch. Jennie B. Thomas, Capt. Henry B. Thomas, 40 barrels fresh mackerel at New York, June 6. This was the first year of the enforcement of the five-year law prohibiting seining before June 1.

1889—Netters at Bay View took a few mackerel May 30. A Swampscott trap took a few May 29, and the Douglass trap here took some May 30. The boat Rambler, Capt. Sargent, of Lanesville, took 140 fish in Ipswich bay, June 1. Sch. Edith Rowe landed four barrels here June 16 and sch. F. A. Smith took 21 barrels off Chatham and landed them here June 18.

1890—Sch. Geneva Mertis, Capt. Alex McCloud, arrived here June 6 with 160 barrels.

1891—British sch. Dessie M. landed 100 barrels at Halifax, N. S. Netter Black Hawk landed 80 mackerel here June 4 and netter Ellen Tre had 40 mackerel the same day. Sch. Minerva, Capt. Frank Foster, first seiner in, reaching here June 11 with 126 barrels.

1892—Sch. Minerva, Capt. Frank Foster, arrived here June 6 with 20 barrels. Netter Venus arrived here June 4 with 150 fresh mackerel.

1893—Sch. Joseph Rowe, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 40 barrels fresh mackerel at New York April 6.

1894—Sch. Joseph Rowe, Capt. Reuben Cameron, at Delaware breakwater with 8000 fresh mackerel April 19; sch. Kearsarge, Capt. John C. Mills, at New York the same day with 50 barrels fresh mackerel.

1895—Sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 70 barrels of fresh mackerel at New York April 17.

1896—Sch. Kearsarge, Capt. John C. Mills, at New York 1700 fresh mackerel April 10. These fish brought 45 cents apiece, the record price, as far as known, for this amount of fresh mackerel.

1897—Sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 100 barrels fresh mackerel at New York March 29.

1899—Netters Ida S. Miller of New York Capt. John McKinnon of this port and Storm King, Capt. Daniel A. Cogill, both at Delaware breakwater, April 28 with fares. Sch. Storm King had the first fare at New York May 3.

1900—Netter Ida L. Miller, Capt. John McKinnon, fare of fresh mackerel at Delaware Breakwater, April 17. Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Charles H. Harty, 10,000 fresh mackerel first at New York, April 19.

1901—Sch. Helen Miller Gould, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 35 barrels fresh mackerel at Fortress Monroe, April 18, sch. Monarch, Capt. Rufus McKay, with 115 barrels first at New York, April 11.

1902—Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, 10 barrels fresh mackerel, at Fortress Monroe, April 9. Sch. Navahoe, Capt. Martin Welch, 150 barrels fresh mackerel, first at New York April 11.

1903—Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benj. A. Spurling, 100 barrels fresh mackerel at New York April 12.

Saw No Mackerel.

Capt. John Thomas of this city, who commands the collier Henry S. Little, arrived at Boston from Norfolk, on Thursday. He reports seeing no mackerel on the southern end of the journey. In speaking of the weather out there, Capt. Thomas said it had been quite warm, but the prevailing winds had been warm and easterly, with much fog. The winter there had not been very severe and porgies had been in Chesapeake Bay all along.

Some think that as the prevailing winds have been easterly and as mackerel are a leeward fish, that they will be found well in shore.

April 13,

ANOTHER GOOD TRIP.

Sch. Corsair Arrives at New York This Afternoon.

Has One Hundred Barrels Medium Mackerel.

A special to the TIMES this afternoon announces the arrival at New York of sch. Corsair, Capt. George Hamor, with 100 barrels of fresh medium mackerel, about 9000 fish in count, one pound fish.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Today's Market.

Board of Trade prices: Large handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl Georges, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.00; large trawl bank cod, \$3.00; medium do., \$2.75; large dory handline cod, \$3.25; medium do., \$3.00.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fresh fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward: Large, \$2; medium, \$1.40; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.30; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 90 cts; pollock, 50 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

Georges halibut, 18 cts. per lb. for white and 13 3-4 cts. for gray.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, seining.

Boston.

Sch. Rienzi, 10,000 haddock, 400 cod.
Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 24,000 cod.
Sch. Lottje Hopkins, 5000 haddock, 300 cod.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 10,000 haddock, 40 cod.

Sch. Vidia M. Brigham.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 17,000 haddock.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 15,000 haddock.
Sch. Flavilla, 20,000 haddock.
Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Dido, 10,000 haddock, 2300 cod.
Sch. George W. Lube, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Veteran, 3000 cod.
Sch. Samoset, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. James Drinan, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Carr, 1000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 cod.
Sch. Dixie, 9000 cod.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Almeida, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Haddock \$2, large cod \$2.50 to \$3, market cod \$2 to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Masconomo was at Lockeport, N. S., April 2.

Sch. Helen G. Wells was at Shelburne, N. S., April 4.

Sch. Maxine Elliott sailed from Shelburne April 6.

Capt. Maurice Powers will now take command of the sch. Benj. F. Phillips of Boston and Capt. Azro Bly will fit out sch. Sarah C. Wharf.